

MINUTES
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2009

PRESENT:

Directors: Liz Dropp, Dan Steward, Tom Osborne, Larry Bourne and Chris Humphrey.
Watershed Curator: Kim Sherwood
Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory
Cooperators: JoAnne Curtis
Guests: Annette Strauser

Dan opened the meeting at the South & Center Sewer District, Celoron, at 9:08am with a quorum. Introductions were made. Annette works with Tom and wanted to attend a meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes are being held over to next month due to their lateness so that everyone will have a chance to review them.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz reported that she has made the change in banks from Niagara City to PNC, and has opened a savings account for our funds in addition to the one for Jackson Run's funds. With \$250 income from memberships and donations, the ending balance in checking is \$1000 with \$1346.52 in our savings. \$139.13 has been left in the old checking account. Our total funds are now \$6085.65. Larry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UPDATES:

- Curator's Report – Kim gave his report and discussed an issue that has gotten rather unstable. An application for bed tax funding for the purchase of some land at Goose Creek for preservation by the CWC was approved by the committee and submitted to the IDA who removed it. The CWC then took it independently to the County Legislature. That caused the Legislature to propose banning the use of bed tax monies forever for land conservation. Kim wanted to know our stance in order to make comments on our behalf. After discussion the group decided to recommend case by case reviews rather than a blanket ban. Also discussed was the proposed Legislative ban on phosphorus in lawn fertilizers. Discussion was that education to achieve public support was better than new laws which would be difficult to enforce and possibly create public resistance and outcry. Kim will carry our message.
- Salamander Project – nothing new to report other than that the wetland hydrology has drastically changed due to road maintenance efforts.
- Conewango Clean –up - Tom reported there were 46 volunteers and that this was the largest group of 3 who were cleaning the Allegany waterway that weekend. Problems noted: pre-registration was somewhat overlooked, signing waivers were not filled out. Next year he wants to add to the length of the clean-up. An article will appear in the Outdoor Life magazine.
- Waterway Trail – The Warren County Community Foundation will post its list of chosen applications for public vote on the 18th.
- Membership Drive Canoe Trip – is scheduled for this Thursday. Please let Tom know if you are planning to attend. Time is from 5:00 to 7:00.
- Website – Liz announced our website has been launched. See it at Conewangocreek.org.

- NW Pa Nutrient Project – JoAnn is currently working on this application. Integrity Ag will be working with the farmers (not exclusively) on plans for reducing nutrient runoff. She will be starting to talk with farmers next week. Farmers can choose another company if the “tool” is not proprietary to Integrity Ag.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Presentation – Kim shared that the CLMC is developing a presentation for mayors and supervisors from lake adjacent municipalities on land use. Kim and Rick are working on it and it will go further than WEMO did.
- Annual Meeting – The tentative date for the annual meeting was set for Thursday, November 12th. It was suggested to ask Tom Erlandson to give a talk on the history of people’s impacts on the area. Chris will make necessary phone calls.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 13th at 9:00 am here at the Sewer District.

Larry made a motion to adjourn at 11:07. Tom seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Humphrey